

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir,

In conformity with your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. which was received yesterday, I have the honor to report that I have attended and witnessed the thorough defacement of the following dies, viz:

Two pairs of dime dies;

Two pairs of half-dime dies;

Two pairs of quarter dollar dies;

Two ~~half~~-dollar dies, being heads; all for the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight, and One Cent die, for the year Eighteen hundred and thirty six; amounting to three pairs of dies and three dies, being heads; making fifteen dies in all in number.

Mr. Tyler, in a letter to me of this date, says,

"There are unused 2 Tail Dies of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollar set, which (not having the date) appear to be the same as those sent of the present year and therefore I presume you do not intend to include them with the dies of last year that are to be destroyed — I have likewise a head die for cents (unintentionally brought out in the press that was tried in the Philadelphia Mint) which may be destroyed at the same time." Accordingly the two unused tail dies were not defaced and the cent die was as above reported.

To

D<sup>r</sup> R. M. Patterson  
Director, Mint, Philad<sup>a</sup>

Your Faithful Servant  
David Bradford  
Sub<sup>t</sup>